VERMA]: (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal to establish an Indian Institute of Technology at Nandihally in Bellary district. The issue of opening of new IITs was discussed by the Task Force on HRD in IT set up by the Prime Minister. The Task Force has recommended that possibility of opening new IITs in the country could be explored so that quality technical education reaches larger number of students. Meanwhile, considering resource constraints and huge investment, other-effective options such as increase in students intake and upgradation of existing institutions is being facilitated. Government of India have already conveyed its views on the proposal to the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Assam

990. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning at present in Assam;

(b) whether there is a proposal to set up any more Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Out of 23 districts in Assam, JNVs are functioning in 20 districts as per list enclosed as statement. (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Out of 3 uncovered districts, proposals have been received from State Government for 2 districts. But the sites recommended by State Government have not been found suitable and therefore the State Government has been requested for providing suitable alternative sites and temporary accommodation. Vidyalayas will be sanctioned on receipt of the same. The State Government has also been requested to forward proposal for the remaining district.

Statement

List of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning at present in Assam

1. BARPETA
2. CACHAR
3. DARRANG
4. DIBRUGARH
5. GOLPARA
6. GOLAGHAT
7. HAILKANDI
8. JORHAT
9. KAMRUP
10. KARBI-ANGLONG
11. KARIMGANJ
12. KOKRAJHAR
13. LAKHIMPUR
14. MORIGAON
15. NALBARI
16. SIBSAGAR
17. SONITPUR
18. TINSUKIA
19. DHEMAJI
20. BONGAIGAON

Funds to Assam for Literacy Mission

991. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for Literacy Mission in Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the funds allocated for the purpose have been utilised in the State during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA):